RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) 122 calendar cases and 22 miscellaneous cases.

(*b*) 36 calendar cases and 6 miscellaneous cases.

(*c*) None.

Complaints against the Proverthicar of Ayikaranad pakuthi, Kunnatnad taluk.

99 ***MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad cum Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they, the Division Peishkar, Kottayam, and the Tahsildar, Kunnatnad, have received complaints from the inhabitants of Ayikaranad pakuthi, Kunnatnad taluk, regarding the vagaries of the Proverthicar of the said pakuthi;

(*b*) if so, the number of petitions received by each;

(*c*) whether any action has been taken on those petitions till now;

(*d*) if so, at what stage it stands now; and

(*e*) whether, due to want of necessary enquiries in regard to complaints lodged by the inhabitants of the pakuthi, the Proverthicar is putting them to greater difficulties?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) to (*e*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) these do not arise.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ചെക്കരനാട്ട പ്രവർത്തിയാരുടെ പേരിൽ പരാതികളും മറ്റും കിട്ടിയിട്ടില്ലെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. എന്നാൽ അവിടത്തെ സ്പെഷ്യൽ പ്രവർത്തിയാരുടെ പേരിൽ വല്ല പരാതിയും കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: സ്പെഷ്യൽ പ്രവർത്തിയാരുടെ പേരിൽ പരാതി വന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Purchase of paddy from Kuttanad.

100. ***MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP** (*Ambalapuzha cum Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the items of expenditure incurred by the Government for the purchase of paddy from Kuttanad:

(*b*) whether the cultivators had paid in kind to the person who measured for the Government, and met the expenses of cooly for transport of paddy to the destination; and

(*c*) whether the expenses for canoes and coolies for transport were not met by the cultivator?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Food Grains Purchase Officer*):

(*a*) 1. Purchase of gunny bags.
2. Measuring charges.
3. Transport charges.
4. Rent of *aras*.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

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MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know the gunny bags purchased and the cost of those bags?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: No, Sir, it is not possible to answer because, the bags were purchased by the taluk authorities whenever the necessity arose. We have not asked them about the price of each bag. The price may vary from 6 to 10 annas. Recently bags have not been purchased at all.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether when rice is given by Government they are taking 4 annas as the price of the bag from the merchants?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: No, Sir.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: I challenge that statement. Whenever bags are got from the local merchants a charge of 4 annas per bag is levied and this practice is going on for a fairly long time. I have come across such instances.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: That is a different question altogether. The question relates to the gunny bags purchased for stocking paddy. Now Government are not purchasing any gunny bag because we have enough number of bags in which the imported rice is being brought.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP; That is the very reason why I wanted to know the number of gunny bags purchased by Government and I am sorry that the honourable member on the other side is not able to tell us the number of bags purchased and the cost incurred thereon. In these circumstances, I wish to bring this aspect of the matter to the notice of Government for necessary action.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: May I just clarify the position for the information of the honourable members. In order that we might not be obliged to go to the open market and purchase gunny bags for stocking paddy which is secured from the land holders, care has been taken to see that, in the disbursement of the rice bags which come from outside, a stipulation has been made that the wholesale merchant or the retail merchant as the case may be, to whom these bags are given, the stipulation being that they should surrender each bag at a price of 4 annas. Otherwise, they shall be liable to pay us more on account of the cost of the rice. That is how the matter stands.

MR. DOMINIC JOSEPH; May I ask Government whether, enquiries have been made regarding the expenses for transport incurred by the cultivators?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: There are two or three complaints of that nature. In all those cases, personal enquiries have been made and it was found that there was absolutely no basis for them.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether Government have fixed any definite price for a para of measure?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: It depends upon the particular locality. Government have not fixed any particular rate to be adopted throughout the State. It is left to the Tahsildars to meet the necessary charges.

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MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know the rate fixed as measuring charges?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: There also, no uniform rate is fixed because it varies according to the particular locality. Normally the rate is from 2 to 4 cash per measure.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): May I know the price of a gunny bag in the market at present?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: I am unable to say that.

Factories for producing synthetic manures.

101. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have decided to start a factory for producing synthetic manures?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes.

MR VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the Government have secured the necessary machinery for starting the factory?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: That depends upon securing the necessary priority certificates.

MR. DOMINIC JOSEPH: May I know whether there are any other factories run under the direction or supervision of Government?

PRESIDENT: You mean manure factory?

MR. DOMINIC JOSEPH: Yes, Sir.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No other factories are run under the direction of Government.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know where these factories are proposed to be opened?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Near Kundara and Pallam (Kottayam).

PRESIDENT: As there is a legitimate curiosity on this matter, I might mention that negotiations have been proceeding for some time. Nobody in fact offered to undertake the production of fertilisers or synthetic manure. It was then considered that more advantageous offers in respect of the State's future would be secured if others who had already obtained priority certificates from the Government of India for the import of the necessary equipment were contacted. They have been so contacted and in the course of 15 or 20 days, a Travancore Limited Liability company will be floated with possibly a capital of about 30 lakhs of which the Government will take half the share.

Public Roads selected for construction.

102. *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of the public roads selected for construction for the next three years from 1118?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Irrigation and Miscellaneous*): The information is available in the Public Works Department Budget for 1119 so far as roads already selected are concerned.

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